

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

DATE: September 23, 2004

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:04 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:49 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Lonnell Conley, Chairman
Jim Bradford
Scott Keller
Mike Speedy
Dane Mahern
Mary Moriarty Adams
Angela Mansfield

Absent Members

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 401, 2004 - authorizes a taxi zone on Broad Ripple Avenue near Carrollton Avenue (District 3)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 545, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for the Wetherburn subdivision (District 2)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 546, 2004 - authorizes a multi-way stop at the intersection of St. Paul Street and Woodlawn Avenue (District 16)

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PROPOSAL NO. 547, 2004 - authorizes a multi-way stop at the intersection of 34th Street and Guilford Avenue (District 9)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 548, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Southwinds Court at Murphy's Landing, Sections 1 and 2 (District 22)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 549, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Eagle Trace Village, Sections 1A, 1B, 2 and 3 (District 7)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 550, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Salem Creek, Section 1 (District 13)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 551, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Salem Creek, Sections 2, 3 and 4 (District 13)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 552, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Burton Crossing, Sections 1 and 2 (District 25)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 553, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Chapelwood Creek (District 13)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 554, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Cossell Road and Holt Road (District 14)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 555, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Independence Square and Victory Drive (District 25)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 556, 2004 - authorizes a change in parking meters and a bus stop zone on Ohio Street near Illinois Street (District 15)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 557, 2004 - authorizes a multi-way stop at the intersection of 49th Street and Graceland Avenue (District 8)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 558, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Brookside Avenue and Steele Street (District 16)

“Postpone until next meeting”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 559, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Westover Drive and 80th Street (District 1)

“Postpone until next meeting”

Vote: 7-0

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The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, September 23, 2004. Chairman Lonnell Conley called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m., with the following members present: Scott Keller, Dane Mahern, Mary Moriarty Adams, Angela Mansfield, Jim Bradford and Mike Speedy.

PROPOSAL NO. 401, 2004 - authorizes a taxi zone on Broad Ripple Avenue near Carrollton Avenue (District 3)

Nathan Sheets, Project Engineer for Department Of Public Works, stated that DPW has been working with IPD and Councillor Bradford on establishing a taxi / limo zone on Broadripple Avenue near Carrollton Avenue. This will establish a loading and unloading area and a place to park for the taxi cars.

Councillor Bradford stated that the proposal never went to the full committee because there were some people in Broadripple who wondering if this zone would work. He stated the problem is that in the evening there is double parking in that area, and this zone would be a better safety situation for all parties involved. Benjamin Hunter, IPD officer, stated that this zone would be in effect Thursday through Saturday from 9 p.m. to 4 am only. He stated that there is no current structure on that street for taxi's to pick up and drop off on these nights. Officer Hunter stated that recently there have been extreme backups in that area and this enables the north district IPD officers to respond

Chairman Conley asked how many spaces are in question for the taxi zone. Mr. Sheets stated it would be about 330 feet. Chairman Conley asked if DPW has been out to view the site. Mr. Sheets answered in the affirmative, and stated that there was an Engineering report that indicated that DPW would be in full support of the zone. He also stated that this zone would not effect the meter revenue, because the meters are free after 6 p.m.

Councillor Mahern asked if there would be signs stating the time when the taxi zone would be in effect. Mr. Sheets answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield, to send Proposal Nos. 401, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" Recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Nathan Sheets Project Engineer for Department Of Public Works, read Proposal Nos. 545 – 557.

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Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to send Proposal Nos. 545–557 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” Recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 558, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Brookside Avenue and Steele Street (District 16)

Mr. Sheets stated that DPW is not recommending the approval of Proposal Nos. 558 and 559, 2004.

Councillor Keller stated that the problem with the intersection of Brookside Avenue and Steele Street is that there are many school children that cross at that intersection, and on Brookside Avenue, the traffic goes so fast. The request is for a 4 way stop sign instead of a 2 way stop sign.

Chairman Conley asked if there is a speed limit sign in the area. Councillor Keller answered in the affirmative and stated that the speed limit is 30 miles per hour, but the cars drive very fast on Brookside Avenue. Councillor Keller stated there are neighborhood concerns that a speeding car could one day hit a school bus because of the house on the corner of Steele Street. School buses can not see the on coming traffic on Brookside Avenue.

Barbara McNamara, citizen, stated that she sees cars and buses speed by at that intersection everyday. She stated there had been a few accidents in that area, and she really thinks there is a need for a four way stop sign. Ms. McNamara stated that this request was made the summer of 2003. Chairman Conley asked if there were any technicalities that caused the request to be turned down. Mr. Sheets answered in the affirmative stating that when there are requests for 4 way stops, there are necessary warrants that need to met before DPW can justify putting in a multi-way stop. Those warrants are based upon traffic fines, as well as accidents, that would occur. This local street does not qualify or meet those standards. Mr. Sheets stated that this street is classified as a neighborhood collector.

Councillor Speedy asked if DPW can achieve the slowing down of vehicles at the intersection of Steele Street and Brookside Avenue by looking at other intersections along Brookside Avenue. Mr. Sheets stated that most of the intersections near Steele Street operate the same and hold the same warrants.

Councillor Mahern asked that if a multi-way stop sign was placed, could it be possible for there to be more accidents due to people that are used to driving that route daily and would not notice the stop sign. Mr. Sheets stated there have been instances when the installation of multi-way stops have increased the number of accidents.

Councillor Moriarty Adams asked if there are any other stop signs along Brookside Avenue. Mr. Sheets answered in the negative.

Frank Watson, citizen, stated that there have been 4 accidents in that area, and a multi-way stop sign is needed. Mr. Sheets said that it seems that the problem is with the speeding in that area, and if so, then it is not an issue that should be brought to DPW. This is a law enforcement situation and should not be addressed by the City County Council.

Councillor Moriarty Adams asked if there was anyway to move parking back so that the cars on Steele Street would be able to get a better view. Mr. Sheet answered in the affirmative.

Chairman Conley stated that he would like to go to the area with DPW and investigate the area.

Councillor Bradford moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to postpone Proposal No. 558 until October 14, 2004 meeting. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 559, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Westover Drive and 80th Street (District 1)

Councillor Bradford moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to postpone Proposal No. 559 until October 14, 2004 meeting. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Works Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lonnell Conley, Chairman
Public Works Committee

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